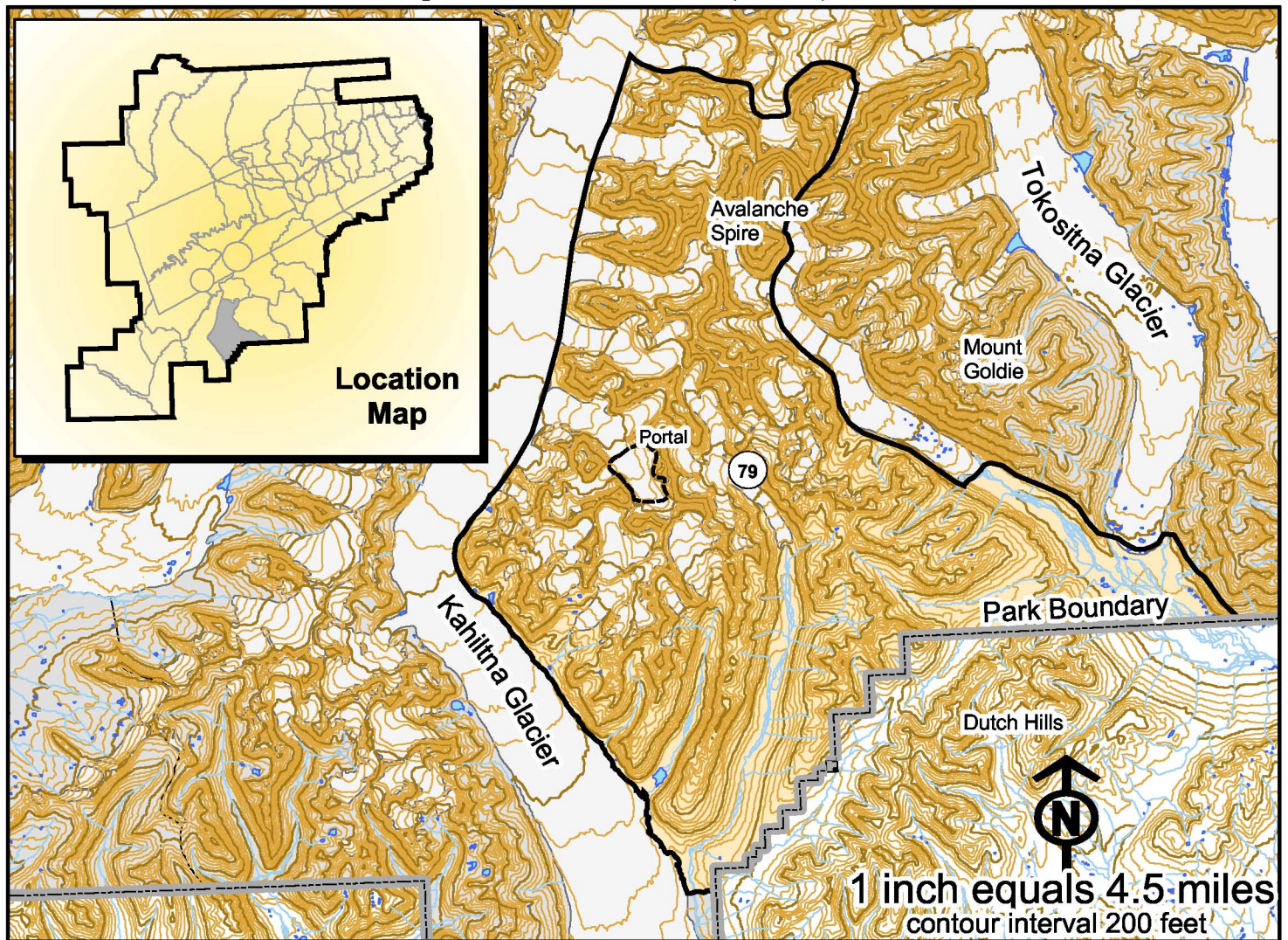


Map 2-50 - Little Switzerland (Unit 79)



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Rugged, heavily glaciated peaks between the Kahiltna and Kanikula Glaciers. Pristine watersheds in southern part of unit containing diverse vegetation and important wildlife habitat, including swan nesting sites and bear dens. Alder, willow, herbaceous shrub, dwarf shrub, and sparse vegetation.

Little Switzerland is rapidly becoming a popular climbing destination, and scenic landings on the Pika Glacier are steadily increasing. Snowmachine use is extending farther into the southern parts of the unit. The Pika Glacier and general vicinity is designated as a portal zone. Wilderness experience is degraded in high-use areas.